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Poem 171

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BEFORE THE STRONGEST QUEEN, WAKAMIYA SHINOBU, ARATA IS...?!

THE ROOM OF THE PROMISE THAT WAS DETERMINING DESTINY UNTIL TODAY...

最新32巻、好評発売中!!
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映画「ちはやふる」Blu-ray&DVD発売決定!!!
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未公開シーンなどオリジナルコンテンツ満載!
詳しくは映画公式HP(chihayafuru-movie.com)をチェックしてね♪

BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.

ARATA IS NOT THE SAME AS ALWAYS.

FUJIOKA

NA—

FOR SOME REASON

NO.

LAST YEAR I LOST TO ARATA, AND SINCE THEN...

10"

AND EVERY TIME I RECALL IT, IT PISSES ME OFF ENDLESSLY.

I'VE BEEN LOSING TO ARATA EVER SINCE BECOMING CLASS A,

NOTHING ELSE COMES TO MIND NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THINK.

THE ABILITY TO TILT THE GAMEFLOW IN MY FAVOR...

IF THERE IS SOMETHING I LACK IN COMPARISON TO ARATA, IT WOULD BE

THE GAMEFLOW...

EVERYONE USES THIS WORD SO EASILY,

BUT I PRACTICE ALONE, AND I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ITS MEANING.

I BEG YOU, EVERYONE.

COME TO ME.

UGH.

SO PRECISE.

A 6-CARD DIFFE-RENCE ...

MARVELOUS, THIS YEAR AS WELL.

Yasura-wade~

THAT CARD-BY-CARD DEVOTION OF WAKAMIYA-SAN'S

AND HER OMNIDIRECTIONAL PRECISION.

ALL CARDS ARE EQUAL TO HER.

IF ARATA-KUN DOESN'T FOCUS PROPERLY, HE WILL LOSE.

ARATA...

I KNOW, BUT IT'S STILL SO PAINFUL NOT TO BE ABLE TO CHEER.

I KNOW THIS.

KARUTA ISN'T LIKE BASEBALL OR SOCCER.

YOU CAN'T CHEER FOR THE PLAYERS OUTLOUD.

ARATA-NII-CHAN ...

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THAT'S FUJISAKI FOR YOU.

AW DAMN, HIRO!

Araza-

rah~

PULL YOUR-SELF TOGE-THER!

HE'S GOT PLENTY OF STAMINA,

AND ISN'T LOSING HIS COOL NO MATTER WHAT.

AH!

EH?

Ah, that's not how it's called...

IF I WIN, I'LL BE CLASS A...

IF I WIN, I'LL ADVANCE TO THE HIGHEST DIVISION...

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SUMO AND KARUTA ARE SIMILIAR, YOU KNOW, SO WHY NOT JOIN OUR KARUTA CLUB.

1st year

I-I SEE ....

SO THE SUMO CLUB GOT ABOLISHED LAST YEAR...

FUJISAKI

RYOUGOKU ATSUSHI
FUJISAKI HIGH
2ND YEAR

IF I WIN,

I'LL BE IN THE HIGHEST DIVISION!!!

Nageki tsut su~

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SIMILARITY #1

SIMILARITY #2

BREATHING PROPERLY IS IMPORTANT WHEN CHARGING

ONE-ON-ONE MATCHES

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IF I WIN, I'LL ADVANCE TO THE HIGHEST DIVISION...

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NO.

I MEAN TO CLASS A...

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HIRO! FOCUS! CARD BY CARD!

DO YOUR DAMN-EST!

MATSU-BAYASHI, DO YOUR BEST!

DON'T LET WATAYA'S BEING OFF HIS GAME DRAG YOU DOWN.

Ama no hara~

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IF HE WINS, IT'LL MEAN THE YOUNGER BROTHER WILL REACH CLASS A FIRST, HUH?!

I WISH HIM LUCK, BUT...

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I DON'T LIKE IT!

GOOD.

GOOD.

ATSUSHI IS AT HIS BEST WHEN IN A CLUTCH.

WE NEED A PILLAR TO SUPPORT THE TEAM NEXT YEAR.

SO IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE UNDER-CLASSMEN TO DO THEIR BEST, TOO.

TOO BAD THAT NEITHER RION NOR YOROSHIKO COULD REACH THE FINALS,

BUT THE 3RD YEARS HAVE NO NEXT TIME,

SO ATSUSHI, GO AND TAKE THE TICKET TO ~~THE HIGHEST DIVISION~~... I MEAN CLASS A.

FUJISAKI

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EXCEPT I WANNA GO ON THE OFFEN-SIVE...

AND ADJUST MY FORMA-TION...

I WANNA SPLIT THE 'KO' CARDS

SO I NEED TO HANG ON AND AVOID MAKING ERRORS HERE.

GOTTA KEEP MY CALM...

ONCE THE GAMEFLOW CHANGES, THE INITIAL SCORE GAP WILL CHANGE AS WELL.

Fuku kara ni~

A DEAD CARD AGAIN.

A DEAD CARD.

Natsu no yo wa~

A DEAD CARD.

Hoto-togi-su~

YET ANOTHER ONE...!

Kaku to dani~

I WANNA MOVE ALREADY!

WANNA ADJUST MY FORMATION AND

TAKE SOME CARDS FROM THE OPPONENT'S SIDE!

THE NEXT ONE, DEFINITELY!

NEXT ONE!

HIRO ...

全国高等学校小倉百人一首かるた選手

EXCUSE ME.

HOW UNUS-UAL.

WHAT IS IT?

HE MUST BE REALLY OFF HIS GAME, HUH?

ARATA NEEDS A BREAK JUST BECAUSE OF 4 DEAD CARDS IN A ROW?

DEAD CARDS ARE THE SAME AS A FAILED INITIAL CHARGE

SIMILARITY #3

I HATE DEAD CARDS.

DEAD CARDS ARE EATING UP MY STRENGTH... THEY'RE WEARING ME DOWN SO MUCH.

OH...

WOW, HE'S SWEATING SO MUCH.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

FUH

全国高等学校小唇日大

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UKYO!

FUKYOU!

THEY SAY THAT THE SCHOOL WINNER OF THE TEAM DIVISION USUALLY HAS TROUBLE SHOWING GOOD RESULTS IN THE INDIVIDUAL DIVISION MATCHES.

WHICH IS UNDER-STAND-ABLE

GOOD! STEP ON IT, HYORO!

GO, GO, HYORO-SENPAI!

BUT THIS BOY STILL HAS IT,

THAT DRIVE FOR WINNING.

MAKES THEIR TENACITY FOR WINNING GO NUMB FOR A WHILE.

THE SATISFAC-TION THEY GAIN FROM THEIR TEAM'S VICTORY

WIN, HYORO!

GO GET THAT MEDAL!

IN THE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN SO WIN, ALL BY YOURSELF!

HIS DRIVE FOR WINNING

WIN!

AND HE'S EVEN GOT SUPPOR-TERS...

OH BOY, WHAT'S WITH THIS CHEERING SQUAD...

VICTOR

YOU CAN DO IT, HYORO!

HE'S FOCUSED LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

BUT...

AND ONCE I DO...

I WANT TO WIN!

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...I WANT TO PRESENT

HE CAN'T GAIN A GOOD LEAD...

THE SCORE DIFFERENCE ISN'T MUCH...

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MY WINNING MEDAL TO YUKARI-SAN...

A PERSON PLAYING HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME WOULD FIND IT HARD TO TAKE CARDS FROM HIM.

HIS PLAYSTYLE LOOKS LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN DESPERATION AND QUEERNESS

HOKUOU'S PRESIDENT, HAUNTED BY ILL-FATE SINCE HIS FIRST YEAR.

KINASHI HIRO.

171 CM, 51 KG.

HIS FAVORITE FOOD IS CROWN DAISIES.

BUT WITH ME, THAT ODD STYLE WON'T WORK.

BUT YOU CAN'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN WITH HIM.

I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE TODAY, EITHER.

BECAUSE LIKE YOU,

"A TEAM GAME IS AN INDIVIDUAL GAME."

AND AN INDIVIDUAL GAME IS A TEAM GAME."

YOU SOMETIMES HEAR THESE WORDS IN RELATION TO KARUTA.

HOW-EVER...

AS A TOURNAMENT PROGRESSES, THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS DWINDLES, AND THE VERY LAST MATCH, THE ONE-ON-ONE FINAL,

IS AN INDIVIDUAL GAME IN THE PUREST SENSE OF THE WORD.

SHE'S CAREFULLY RESPONDING TO THE SOUND CARD BY CARD,

AND ISN'T MAKING MISTAKES

SHINOBU-CHAN'S STABILITY IS CERTAINLY IMPRESSIVE

SHE'S GOING STEADY.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL.

BUT...

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THE SCORE DIFFERENCE IS STILL ONLY 5 CARDS.

ARATA ISN'T DOING TOO BAD EITHER.

ARATA IS NOT AS RELAXED AS HE USUALLY IS,

BUT REGARDLESS...

YOU CANNOT LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, SHINOBU-CHAN.

THE SEQUENCE OF CARDS TO BE READ IS WHAT WILL DECIDE THIS GAME.

I WILL PRESERVE THIS 5 CARD DIFFERENCE FOR ALL ETERNITY.

OF SOMETHING AS VAGUE AND UNCERTAIN AS THE 'GAMEFLOW'.

...I WON'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BE AT THE MERCY

Shira-tsuyu ni~

I CAN'T DO ANY-THING.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I'M WORRY-ING,

ARATA!

BOTH WATAYA AND HIRO LOST THAT CARD!

AGH!

I CAN'T EVEN CHEER FOR HIM ALOUD.

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP HIM.

EH?

EH?

WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT ONE.

LET'S DO IT!

FUJIOKA EAST,

RISING HIGH!!!

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Caruta

Caruta

WATA-YA-SEN-PAI...

ARATA-NII-CHAN...

WATA-YA...

NOT EVEN A SINGLE TIME.

HERE WE GO!? LET'S DO THIS?

WHAT SHOULD I SAY TO THEM?

I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE AT GIVING RALLYING CALLS THOUGH.

HE COULDN'T DO IT DURING PRACTICE

Araza

HE COULDN'T GIVE A PROPER RALLYING CALL IN THE TEAM MATCHES EITHER...

FUJIOKA EAST ISN'T TAKING THEIR TURN AT MAKING A RALLYING CALL?

FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS REALLY ARE NEWBIES, HUH.

UGH..

Omo
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Saku
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AOIRA STORY:

LOUD CHEERING IS FORBIDDEN,

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM IT.

RIGHT.

MY APOLOGIES.

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ERM ...

THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO ANSWER ME BACK WITH "YEAH!" ~~~

Fukui

I'VE GOT TO VISUALIZE SOMETHING.

BUT IT CAN'T BE THAT ROOM ANYMORE.

WE'VE GOT 1 WIN AND 2 LOSSES, AND THESE ARE THE MOMENTS THAT WILL DECIDE IT.

THAT THIS IS A TEAM MATCH,

ALRIGHT, LET'S IMAGINE

THE ONES OUR TEAM'S FATE DEPENDS ON!

THE TWO OF US ARE

HIRO

AND I HAVE GOT TO WIN.

THE CONCEPT OF A 'TEAM' THAT INCURABLY?

YOU'VE BEEN POISONED WITH

WHAT'S WITH YOU, ARATA?

DON'T TELL ME YOU...

THIS ONE CARD IS A MUST-TAKE, NO MATTER WHAT.

THIS IS IT.

AREN'T SOMETHING I CAN VOICE MORE THAN ONCE OR TWICE.

RALLYING CALLS

koto no~

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DESPITE THAT, HE WENT ALL-OUT FOR A CARD SO RISKY TO ATTACK..

INCLUDING DEAD CARDS, THERE ARE STILL 3 'O' CARDS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN READ.

AND THEY BOTH TOOK IT!

BOTH WATAYA AND HIRO ATTACKED TIGHT!

WHAT SPEED!

FAST ...!

RUFFLE
Caruta
Caruta
CHIHAYA
...

I HAVE LOST

A KARUTA MATCH TO THE GIRL I LIKE...

IF I KEEP PICTURING MYSELF IN THAT ROOM,

I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE

I WANT TO STAY THERE FOREVER...

...IN THAT ROOM WHERE I PLAYED KARUTA WITH YOU AND TAICHI...

FOR-EVER AND EVER...

I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET STRONGER THAN I AM NOW.

BUT...

FUJIOKA

...AND I DON'T THINK IT'S OK FOR ME TO STAY THE WAY I WAS UNTIL NOW.

HIRO, WIN.

WIN AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR ARATA-NII-CHAN TO PLAY.

HIRO ...

THEIR MOVEMENTS HAVE COME INTO SYNCH.

I WANT TO BECOME STRONGER.

REACH CLASS A!

REACH IT!

FUJIOKA

I WANT TO BECOME STRONGER.

Next, we'll meet in a match

Taichi

I DON'T FEEL PUMPED UP WHEN I WATCH YOU.

OR TO SUOU-SAN...

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE TO CHIHAYA,

Caruta

HMPH.

THIS IS NO FUN ...

BUT AMUS-ING!

...OR TO ANYONE!

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